AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

 (Currently Amended) A method for delivering interactive non-intrusive advertising content, the method comprising:

receiving a selection signal indicating that a user has selected an item displayed on a television screen, the item included in the television program being displayed, wherein the item has associated non-intrusive interactive advertising content;

responsive to receiving the selection signal, identifying the selected item; and

displaying the associated non-intrusive interactive advertising content[[.]];

receiving and storing advertising data that associates the selected item with a screen region and with interactive advertising content, the advertising data encoded in a digital stream separate from a video signal and synchronized with movement in a video display displaying the video signal, wherein receiving the advertising data comprises receiving the data stream through a digital network.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]]1 wherein receiving the advertising data comprises receiving the advertising data encoded in a video

signal that includes a video image of the item.

- 4. (Canceled)
- (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the advertising data includes instructions for control of the display of interactive non-intrusive advertising content for the item.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving one or more designation signals, wherein each designation signal represents an instruction to designate an item having associated non-intrusive interactive advertising content;

responsive to receiving each designation signal, designating singly, as a currently designated item, each of a multiplicity of items having associated non-intrusive interactive advertising content;

wherein identifying the selected item comprises identifying as the selected item the currently designated item.

- (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein designating singly each of a
 multiplicity of items further comprises logically designating an item and visually
 designating an item.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein logically designating an item comprises setting a designation data element in advertising data for the item.
- (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein visually designating an item comprises displaying descriptive text for the item.

- 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein visually designating an item comprises changing a video display of the item.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising tracking a cursor position on the television screen, wherein identifying the selected item comprises identifying the selected item in dependence upon the cursor position when the selection signal is received.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein identifying the selected item in dependence upon the cursor position further comprises determining whether the cursor position is within a screen region associated with the item.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the interactive advertising content comprises a web page describing the item and offering an on-line sale of the item.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein displaying the associated non-intrusive interactive advertising content comprises downloading a web page from a remote web site identified in a link associated with the selected item.

15-42. (Canceled)